

## Caswell County Bike Routes

Caswell County's sparse rural population makes it a wonderful place to bicycle with little traffic congestion and much scenic beauty. Caswell County has more 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century dwellings and structures ranging from the Grandeur of 18<sup>th</sup> century tobacco plantations to early settler log cabins and farm buildings. You'll find that the Caswell County automobile drivers will "share the road" with cyclists and usually move over to pass cyclists in the opposite lanes of travel. We hope you will enjoy your cycling adventures in Caswell County and will come back often.

### **Route 1 – Bright Leaf Loop – 19.6 Miles (Route 1 - Bright Leaf Loop - 19.6 Miles)**

This route takes riders past the historic Slade Hill farm and the discovery site of the Bright Leaf tobacco curing process. The route has many long hills and should be considered difficult for novice cyclists.

### **Route 2 – Milton Loop – 20.8 miles**

This route takes riders through historic Milton. Incorporated in 1796, Milton is one of the oldest towns in Caswell County. Just into Virginia is the Virginia International Raceway (VIR), which is one of the best automotive road racing courses in North America and host to many sports car and Rolex series races. Just south of Semora on Highway 119 is Red House Presbyterian Church, which was founded in 1756. General Cornwallis ransacked much of this community after chasing General Nathaniel Greene to the Dan River in February of 1781. Along this route, riders will find many 19<sup>th</sup> century homes and farm buildings. Overall, this route is fairly flat with only a few hills, mainly from Milton to VIR, the Snatchburg Road and Longs Mill Road.

### **Route 3 – Hyco Lake Loop – 22.0 miles**

This route takes riders through historic Leasburg, the original county seat when Caswell County was formed in 1777. Riders will find many 19<sup>th</sup> century homes in Leasburg. Also along the route riders will pass by historic Griers Presbyterian Church, founded in by Hugh McAden in 1753. The existing church building was constructed in 1856. This pleasant route is generally easy, smooth riding with a few long hills along Griers Church Road, NC 119 near Hyco Lake and the Osmond Road crossing Hyco Lake.

### **Route 4 – Cherry Grove Loop – 22.3 miles**

This route takes riders through some of the best and most productive farmland in Caswell County and the historic Camp Springs Community. The route is relatively easy with very few steep hills.

### **Route 5 – Milesville Loop – 18.2 miles**

This route takes rider past historic Locust Hill. The armies of both General Greene and General Cornwallis passed by this location during the "Race to the Dan" in February 1781. Brown's Store, built in 1780, is located at the intersection of Wagon Wheel Road and NC 150. The store served as a stage stop, country store and post office and is one of the oldest remaining commercial structures in North Carolina. This route is moderate with a few long hills mainly along Wagon Wheel Road and Stoney Creek School Road.

### **Route 6 – Game Lands Loop – 18.4 miles**

On this route rider will experience the old and the new in highway construction. Badgett Sister's Parkway is "old NC 62" and features two (2) one lane bridges built in 1922 over Country Line Creek. This section of the route runs through the Caswell Game Lands with many tight turns and

steep hills that will make some riders think they're in the mountains. The route also passes by the historic Courthouse in Yanceyville. Recently renovated and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the courthouse was constructed between 1857 and 1861 and is one of the most beautiful Italianate-Victorian Courthouses remaining in North Carolina. The Badgett Sisters Parkway is hilly and steep with many sharp curves and should be considered difficult for novice cyclists.

### **Route 7 – Park Springs Loop – 19.8 miles**

This route travels along some of the highest points in the County and offers riders many beautiful views of the county. Along this route, riders will pass by many 19<sup>th</sup> century plantation homes. The route is moderate with a few long hills.

### **Route 8 – Pelham Loop – 15.8 miles**

The Route features a stop at the Piedmont Triad Visitors Center, one of the best travel and tourism information centers in the state. Except for Park Spring Road section, this route has many long hills over the rough terrain typical of this rather isolated section of northwest Caswell County. Even into the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, this area was a sparsely populated “frontier” country and the area still maintains much of that character. This route should be considered difficult for novice cyclists.

### **Connectors**

The connectors serve as link between the various routes in the county enabling riders to customize their cycling routes for longer distances. By using the connectors, it is possible to circle the entire county.

#### **Baynes Store Connector -10.7 miles**

This connector links the Hyco Lake Loop (Route 3) to the Cherry Grove Loop (Route 4). The connector follows NC 119 to Baynes Store and follows Baynes Road to NC 62. The connector then crosses NC 62 and connects with Union Ridge Road on the Cherry Grove Loop. This connector is very easy with few hills.

#### **Casville Connector – 10.7 miles**

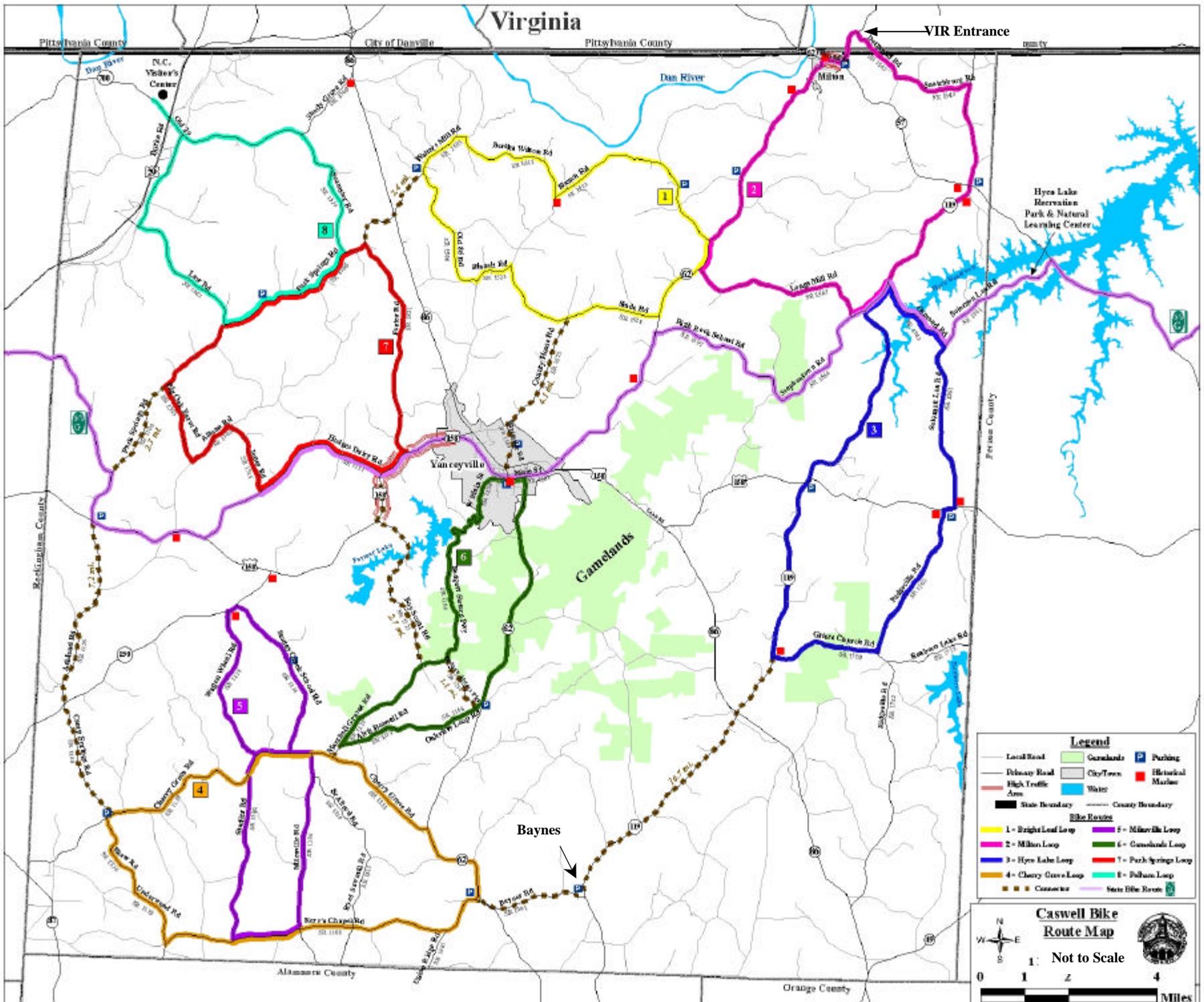
This connector links the Cherry Grove Loop (Route 4) to the Park Springs Loop (Route 7). The route runs from the Cherry Grove Road at Camp Springs along the Camp Springs Road to Ashland and then follows the Ashland Road to the Park Springs Road/US 158 intersection in Casville. Continue north on the Park Springs to Big Oak Farm Road where it connects to the Park Springs Loop (Route 7). It also connects with the Pelham Loop (Route 8) at Law Road. The route is very easy with few hills.

#### **Park Springs Connector – 2.4 miles**

This connector links the Park Springs Loop (Route 7) to the Bright Leaf Loop (Route 1) at the Providence Community. This connector is short, but hilly.

#### **County Home Connector – 4.1 miles**

This connector links the “Courthouse Square” in Yanceyville and the Gamelands Loop (Route 6) to the Bright Leaf Loop (Route 1). The route is very easy with one only hill going up Firetower Road to the County Home Road.



# Virginia

VIR Entrance

**Legend**

Local Road	Gamelands	Parking
Delivery Road	City/Town	Historical Marker
High Traffic Arterial	Water	
State Boundary	County Boundary	

**Bike Routes**

1 - Bright Leaf Loop	5 - Milton Loop
2 - Milton Loop	6 - Gamelands Loop
3 - Hyes Lake Loop	7 - Park Springs Loop
4 - Cherry Grove Loop	8 - Fallons Loop
Connector	State Bike Route

**Caswell Bike Route Map**

1: Not to Scale

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